Phase IV of NHDP

1942. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to initiate phase IV of National Highways Development Programme (NHDP) all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of road stretches that would be two-laned in Orissa under the above project indicating the time-frame within which these would be initiated and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) National Highways Development Project (NHDP), Phase-IV is at initial stage of planning wherein two laning with paved shoulder of 20,000 km. of National Highways is envisaged with an estimated cost of Rs. 27,800 crore. NHDP Phase-IV is targeted to be completed by December, 2015. It is too early to give the State-wise details for NHDP Phase-IV.

Ban on stereos while driving

1943. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering putting a ban on use of stereos while driving the vehicle as it may lead to distraction as in the case of use of cell phone; and

(b) if so, by when it is expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Widening of road in RS Pura in J&K

1944. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government for upgradation and widening of road from Tareva to Neokawali Sai in R.S. Pura sector last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Road from Satwari to RS Pura in J&K

1945. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the upgradation and widening of road from Satwari to RS Pura (J&K) is in progress under CRF;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of the said road and the amount of funds that has been released; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the work of the said road is not being done satisfactory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Double laning of Satwari-RS Pura road was sanctioned for an amount of Rs.1146 lakhs under Central Road Fund on 3rd August, 2005. The work is in progress. As reported by State PWD, the physical progress is 60% and an expenditure of Rs. 910 lakhs has been incurred as on 17th July, 2007. Funds are released by this Ministry for CRF works in entire State.

(d) No such report has been received from the State PWD in this regard.

Four-laning of NHs in Uttarakhand

1946. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of kilometers of roads which have been constructed by NHAI in Uttarakhand since the present Government came to power;

(b) by when Government propose to complete the four-laning of Delhi-Dehradun and Delhi-Nainital highways;

(c) the reasons for the extremely slow progress in the completion of these highways; and

(d) the steps Government propose to speed up the work and the reasons for non-completion of road from Kotdwar to Pauri, Uttarakhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) So far, no National Highway has been constructed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in the State of Uttarakhand. Current status of four laning in various stretches of Delhi-Dehradun sections of National Highway 58 and 72 and Delhi-Nainital sections of NH-24 and 87 are given in the Statement (*See* below).